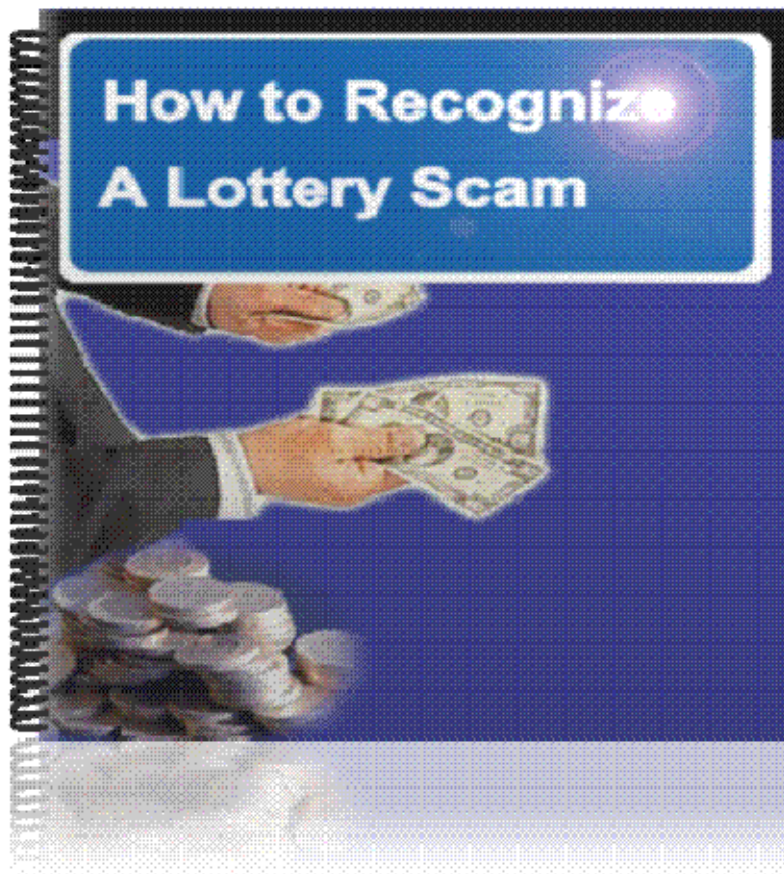


How to Recognize A Lottery Scam



www.netlotto.org

I Won \$15,223,950 In One Night!

At least, that's what the lottery emails have been telling me. And the amazing thing is, I haven't even entered any of these lotteries. That's right, my total outlay to win all this money has been absolutely zero! Apparently, my email address is just so incredibly lucky that it keeps winning all these lotteries all over the world time and time again. Usually while I'm asleep! And very often I'll win two or three or more in one night.

Did you detect a note of disbelief just then? That's because ALL of these so called lotteries are SCAMS. There are NO global organizations seeking marketing, publicity or good will by running lotteries where they give away millions to randomly selected email addresses. They are all run by scammers who spam millions of email addresses with the same message hoping to find a few suckers. Don't be one. As soon as they get a reply (imagine them rubbing their hands together with glee) they will start a chain of very plausible correspondence aimed at getting you to send them a small sum of money as a necessary payment in order to "release" your funds. Then it turns out that another, slightly higher payment is also required. And so it goes on.

One unlucky woman sent these scammers more than \$20,000 before she realized what was really happening! She would have been better off buying \$20,000 worth of lottery tickets. At least, that way she would have had *some* chance of winning a multi-million dollar jackpot.

Alternatively, they may simply ask for your bank account details, including user name and password, so that they can transfer your winnings to you. Guess what you see when you next login? That's right, zero bank balance.

Remember the simple rule: If you haven't entered it, you haven't won it!

There are some things all of these scam emails have in common. Let's look at some examples from my own In Box:

Example #1

From: Mrs.Kate Watters [kwatters74@yahoo.com]

Subject: Your E-Mail Address: Have Won \$600,000.00

GLOBAL ONLINE SWEEPSTAKE LOTTERY,
Hochstr.76 -56112
Lahnstein,Germany.

WINNING NOTIFICATION

We happily announce to you the draw of the Global Online Sweetstake Lottery International programs held on the 09th of March 2007 in Amsterdam Holland.Your e-mail address attached to ticket number: 564 75600545-188 with serial number 5388/02 drew the lucky numbers: 31-6-26-13-35-7,which subsequently won you the lottery in the 2nd category.

You have therefore been approved to claim a total sum of \$600,000.00(Six hundred Thousand United States Dollars) in cash credited to file RPC/9080118308/04 made available

from a total cash prize of US \$11 Million dollars, shared amongst the first SIX (6) lucky winners in this category. All participants were selected randomly from world wide web sites through a computer drawn system and extracted from over 100,000 companies. This promotion takes place annually.

Please note that your lucky winning number falls within our Africabooklet representative in Abuja Nigeria as indicated in your play coupon, In view of this, your \$600,000.00 (Six hundred Thousand Dollars) would be released to you by our affiliate bank in Abuja Nigeria as soon as you establish contact. Please be warned. To file for your claim, please contact by email first our fiduciary agent: Barrister Ali Ibrahim, Abuja Nigeria, Email Address is: (barrali.ibrahim2@yahoo.co.uk) Telephone numbers: +2348027447360.

To avoid unnecessary delays and complications, you are to contact the fiduciary agent in Nigeria with the following details above. Your full names, contact address, age, private telephone/fax number and occupation. Quote your Ticket number reference/batch numbers in any correspondences with us or our designated agent.

Faithfully,
Mr. John Orens
GLOBAL SWEEPSTAKE LOTTERY.

Example #2

From: LOTTERY BOARD [lottowinclaims@bellsouth.net]

Subject: You've Won

THE LOTTERY DEPARTMENT UK.
22 Garden Close, PE9 2YP, London

Dear Winner

This is to inform you that you have been selected for a cash prize of £1,000,000.00 (British Pounds) held on the 8th of March 2007 in London UK. The selection process was carried out through random selection in our computerized email selection system (ess) from a database of over 250,000 email addresses drawn from which you were selected.

REF No: UKNL-L/200-26937
BATCH No: 2005MJL-01
TICKET No: 20511465463-7644
SERIAL No: S/N-00168
LUCKY No: 887-13-865-37-10-83

The BRITISH UK. Lottery is approved by the British Gaming Board. To begin the processing of your prize you are to contact our fiduciary claims department for more information as regards procedures to claim your prize.

Mr. Duncan Edward
TELL: +44 70457 07109
Email: online.unl102@yahoo.co.uk

Contact him by sending him with the underlisted informations

- (1.) FULL NAME
- (2.) FULL ADDRESS
- (3.) NATIONALITY.
- (4.) DATE OF BIRTH
- (5.) OCCUPATION
- (6.) WINNING EMAIL

- (7)TELEPHONE NUMBER
- (8) DATE OF WINNING NOTIFICATION
- (9) SEX
- (10) TOTAL AMOUNT WON
- (11) MARITAL STATUE

Congratulations once more from our members of staff and thank you for being part of our promotional program.

Example #3

From: STAATSLOTERIJ.NL. (LOTERIJ CO-ORDINATOR) [Staatclaimsinfo@aim.com]

Subject: LOTTERY WINNING NOTIFICATION!!CONGRATULATIONS

THE PROMOTION DIRECTOR
RESULTS FOR THE FIRST CATEGORY DREW
INTERNATIONAL PROMOTIONS DEPT STAATSLOTERIJ NL.
REF: PEK/12748/TSP
BATCH: TATS/2333/ST

ATTN;WINNER,

We are pleased to inform you of the release, of the long awaited results of the STAATSLOTERIJ/INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION PROGRAMES NL held on 1st of March 2007.

Reference Number: PEK/12748/TSP, and Batch number : TATS/2333/ST.

Your email address attached to the ticket number:TK/4693659BV that drew the lucky winning number, which consequently won the loterij in the second category in four parts. You have been approved for a payment of 1,000,000.00 Euro (ONE MILLION EURO) in cash credited to file reference number:HPL/4247159609/WP1. This is from a total cash prize of TEN MILLION EUROS Shared among the ten international winners that won the first categories.

Congratulations!!!

All participants were selected through a computer ballot system drawn from 40,000 company email addresses and 20,000,000 individual email addresses from across the Globe as part of International Promotional Program, which is conducted annually. .Due to mixed up of some names and addresses, we ask that you keep this award personal, till your claims has been processed and your funds remitted to you.

This is part of our security measures to avoid double claiming or unwarranted taking advantage of the situation by other participants or impersonators.To begin your claim, do file for the release of your winning by contacting our accredited agent:

Mr.Otto Bruderer.
Remittance Director/Claims Coordinator
Tel: +31 619-255-410
Fax: +31 847-300-758
Email:Staatclaimsinfo@aim.com

Please note in order to avoid unnecessary delays and complications please remember to quote your reference number and batch numbers in all correspondence. They are your agent, and responsible for the processing and transfer of your winnings fund to you.

YOUR SECURITY FILE NUMBER IS 78/23432/KB (keep personal) Remember, your winning must be claimed not later than (30-3-2007) After this date, funds might be returned to the unclaimed. Furthermore, should there be any change in your address, do inform your claims agent as soon as possible.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Serena Vlutglaan
STAATSLOTERIJ. NL
THE PROMOTION DIRECTOR.
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM (NL).

Example #4

From: UK NATIONAL LOTTERY [2007notification_promotion@web.de]

Subject: CONGRATULATION.....YOU WON

The Camelot Group, :
Operators of The National Lottery.
3b Olympic Way, Sefton Business Park,
Aintree, Liverpool , L30 1RD
REF: UKL/74A0802742006
BATCH: 2006UKL-01

LOTTERY NOTICE

The United Kingdom National Lottery wishes to inform you that the results of the E-mail address ballot lottery international program by Great Britain held on 8th March 2007. Your email account have been picked as a winner of a lump sum pay out of Eight hundred and ninety-one thousand, nine hundred and thirty-four Great Britain pounds (£891,934.00 pounds sterling) in cash credited to file REF NO. REF: UKL/74-A0802742006. This is from total prize money of GBP £4,459,670.00 shared among the FIVE (5) international winners in this category. All participants for the online version were selected randomly from World Wide Web through computer balloting system drawn from over 100,000 names database, union associations and corporate bodies that are listed online. This promotion is this year's United Kingdom National Lottery New Year bonanza. The Camelot Group, operators of the United Kingdom National Lottery is approved by the British Gaming Board and also Licensed by the The International Association of Gaming Regulators (IAGR). All winning must be claimed not later than 14 working days from this notification. After this time all unclaimed funds will be returned to European Union Treasury as unclaimed. Please note in order to avoid unnecessary delays and complications please remember to quote your reference number in all correspondence. Be advice to keep your winning information confidential until your claims has been processed and your money remitted to you. This is part of our security protocol to avoid double claiming and unwarranted abuse of this program. To begin your claim, please contact your fiduciary agent: MR. Williams Ronald
Tel: +44 704 571 2809
Official Email: fiduciary_lotteryclaimagent@yahoo.co.uk

He will brief you on steps to be taken for due processing and remittance of your prize money..

Note below your winning details:

Ticket NAA°: 22-1356-4096-988

Serial NAA°: A069-07

Lucky NAA°: 12-13-21-26-32-39 Bonus-17

File REF NAA°.: UKL/74-A0802742006

BATCH NAA°.: 2006UKL-01

Congratulations again from all our staff and thank you for being part of our promotions program.

Sincerely,

Mrs Dianne Thompson

Online Coordinator,

CAMELOT GROUP,

Operator of The National Lottery.

N.B. Any breach of confidentiality on the part of the Winners will result to disqualification.

NOTE: Do not reply this mail. You are to contact your claims officer immediately. In order to avoid unnecessary delays and complications, please remember to quote your reference number in every one of your correspondences.

***IMPORTANT* FILL OUT THIS WINNERS VERIFICATION FORM BELOW:**

Your application for the claim of lottery winning prize will be duly processed and settlement made upon certification.

Hence, carefully fill in the appropriate information in the space provided below for record purposes to facilitate our immediate commencement

of your claims process. The completed form should be sent to your Fiduciary agent for immediate commencement of prize remittance.

*Name of Beneficiary:

*Address:

*Country:

*City/State:

*Nationality:

*Sex:

*Email Address:

*Tel:

*Fax (if any).....

*Occupation:

*Next of Kin:

*Age:

*AMOUNT WON:

*In Figures:

*In Words:

*Lucky Nos:

*Ticket No:

OFFICE USE ONLY

Verified by: _____

Confirmed by: _____

FIDUCIARY AGENT SIGNATURE: _____

NOTE: Do not reply this mail. You are to contact your claims officer immediately. In order to avoid unnecessary delays and complications, please remember to quote your reference number in every one of your correspondences.

Example #5

From: UK ONLINE NATIONAL LOTTERY [andychamberz@bellsouth.net]

Subject: CLAIM YOUR WINNINGS!!!

THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR PROMOTIONS,
INTERNATIONAL PROMOTIONS/PRIZE AWARD DEPARTMENT,
THE NATIONAL LOTTERY.
P O Box 1010
Liverpool, L70 1NL
UNITED KINGDOM

Date:09-03-2007.
(Customer Services)
Ref: UK/9420X2/68
Batch: 074/05/ZY369
lucky numbers: 14-18-29-33-37-39-47(bonus no.)

ATTENTION: WINNER ,

You have been selected in the UKON 2006 Lottery Program. Our lottery program selection has finally been performed today which was held at the Marina office. UK Promotion is a joint Euro/America private lottery registered and organized in accordance with the World Lottery Regulation act.

We the The National Lottery organizing committee are pleased to officially notify you of the status of your email application. An official notification of winning is hereby issued to you as your email promotion ticket randomly drew for the Lucky Numbers: 31-17-8-28-55 [08] Bonus Ball ,which selected your email as the 2ND winner of our lottery program you have consequently won the lottery program in the first batch.Suffice to say here, We have officially approved a sum payout of £5,000,000 GBP to you as the lottery winner.

However,all participants were selected through a computer ballot system drawn from 25,000 names/ email issued from Australia, New Zealand, America, Europe, North America and Asia, as part of our International Promotions Program, which is conducted yearly. Your prize can only be obtained from the assigned listed correspondence office, they are to assist and provide helpful information to you in order to receiving your prize.

Please carefully read all information provided on your winning file.please remember to quote your winning reference and Lucky winning number correspondences with this office.Furthermore, should there be any change of your address,do inform us as soon as possible.

Conclusively,upon your receipt of this notification,For claims of your winnings,do fill the verification and funds release form and return to the claims department immediately via email:

FIDUCIARY DEPT:
NAME: ROBERT SMITH (Mr.)
(CLAIMS OFFICER)
Email:info_rbsmth@yahoo.co.uk

VERIFICATION AND FUNDS RELEASE FORM

SURNAME :
MIDDLE NAME:
AGE:
SEX:
ADDRESS:
COUNTRY:
WINNING EMAIL ADDRESS:
MARITAL STATUS:
OCCUPATION:
POSITION HELD IN OFFICE:
ANNUAL INCOME:
PHONE NUMBER:

FAX NUMBER:
LUCKY NUMBER :
REF NUMBER:

NB: The National Lottery holds the right to cancel your winning if you are below the age of 18, Employees and immediate family members of employees of The National Lottery, its associated companies, professional advisers, advertising and promotional agencies are not eligible to be winners of this promotional lottery.

Congratulations from all our staff for being part of UKON 2006 LOTTERY PROGRAM.

Sincerely,

STEVEN BURLER
Online coordinator
UK NATIONAL LOTTERY,
Sweepstakes International Program.
Open 7 days

BRITISH NATIONAL LOTTERY PROMO

The astonishing thing about these five examples is that I received all of them in one night. If I convert the pounds sterling and euros to US dollars, using the converter at <http://www.netlotto.org/converter.htm>, I get a total of \$15,223,950!!

The next example is interesting. It tries to add more authenticity by drawing on a well known brand name, in this case Heineken, the Dutch beer well known in Europe and exported successfully all around the world.

Example #6

From: HEINEKEN LOTTERY AWARD NOTIFICATION
[HEINEKENLOTTERY@HEINEKEN.COM]

Subject: HEINEKEN LOTTERY AWARD NOTIFICATION



HEINEKEN® (WORLDWIDE)
32 Mendy Street High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire
HP11 2NZ. Tel:
+447045711806

ATTENTION: WINNER!
FILE #: 2752246896
CODE: 652-662

HEINEKEN® AUGUST ONLINE USERS PRIZE DRAW:

We are pleased to inform you of the release of the long online results of the HEINEKEN WEBSTORE/DRAUGHT MONTHLY PROGRAMME held on the 6TH OF MARCH 2007. You were entered as a dependent client with; Reference Serial Number: 652-662 and Batch number AT-040SB06-03.

Your email address attached to the ticket number: 2752246896 that drew the lucky winning number, which consequently won the sweepstake in the first category, in four parts. You have been approved for a payment of £250,000.00 Pounds Sterling (TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLINGS) in cash credited to FILE #: 2752246896. This is from a total cash prize of Twenty Million Pounds Sterling shared amongst the Seventy-Two (72) international winners.

All participants were selected through a computer ballot system drawn from 50,000 (Fifty thousand) names of email users around the world, as part of our compensation for the frequent use and consumption of our product worldwide. Due to mix up of some names and addresses, we ask that you keep this award personal, till your claims has been processed and your funds remitted to you.

This Programme was commissioned by a one time president of the United States Of America in an indoor lecture held on the 6TH OF MARCH 2007. HEINEKEN is proud to be associated with (former)President Bill Clinton. The President commended HEINEKEN for it's great contribution to the growth and development of our society at large and he sited our Football sponsored league as an example.



HEINEKEN® COMPANY SECURITY AGENCY.

Please contact the Agent below via email for further instructions on what next to do to claim your winnings.

Agents Name: Gabriel Kevin

Email Address: heinekenclaimsverification_deprt@yahoo.co.uk

Phone Number: +447045711924

NOTE: Winnings must be claimed before the end of each month. Any information that is been provided by winners must be correct as provision of wrong information by winners may lead to disqualification of a winner, be warned!

**Yours Sincerely,
Mr. Caroline Neill
Online-Co-ordinator/HEINEKEN® UK
32 Mendy Street High Wycombe
Buckinghamshire
HP11 2NZ. Tel: +447045711806
<http://www.heineken.com/uk/>**



Almost \$26million In Two Days

In fact, if I add together my winnings from the Heineken lottery with the others I received that day, I get a total of \$10,673,192. This means that in just 2 nights of sleeping, I've won a total of \$25,897,142, almost 26 million dollars.!

Now you may detect a hint of sarcasm here. I guess that's because when you see all of these emails together (and, by the way, these are just six examples of at least 60 similar emails that I have on file) it's totally obvious that they are phonies. But the thing is because my name is all over the internet for lottery related matters, I attract these sorts of emails like flies to honey. If you've never seen one before and you suddenly get one, you might be tempted to think that it's true. That's called wishful thinking and it's part of human nature.

So how do you protect yourself?

First of all, read the six examples I've included. Then read them again. Remind yourself that they are scams. Any email you receive that looks like any of these six will also be a scam.

If you have a reasonable understanding of English grammar and spelling, you will notice that the authors of the emails do not. In many cases, it will be obvious that English is not their native language. Lottery officials would never say:

“we happily announce to you the draw.” It's clumsy and stilted.
“sweetstake.” It should be sweepstake.
“... category.All ...” A full stop is always followed by a space.
“our Africabooklet representative.” Makes no sense in English.
“Uk” should be “the UK.”
“system(ess).” The plural of system is systems, not systemess.

“fiduaciary” should be “fiduciary” and “infomation” should be “information.”
“Contact him by sending him with the underlisted informations” contains misspellings and is clumsily worded.

... and so on, and so on.

Unfortunately, I still get emails from people desperately asking me if one of these scam emails they’ve received is true. I say unfortunately because this probably means that there are others out there who have been taken in.

In the final analysis, just remember this one thing. If you didn’t enter it, you haven’t won it.

Mark Sterling is the author of NetLotto, a computer software based package that uses a unique combination of player’s intuition and mathematical analysis to create and manage winning lottery entries. NetLotto remains the only system to have correctly predicted a \$31 million Mega Millions winning entry. Visit <http://www.netlotto.org>.